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THE WEATHER  
Thursday fair,  
much colder. Cold  
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## PALATKA MAKES OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR EXPOSITION

### RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY COUNCIL

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A STATE INSTITUTION ON WHICH SHOULD BE LOCATED AT POINT MOST CONVENIENT TO ALL THE PEOPLE

Council went on record last night as demanding that this city be considered as a site for the exposition commemorating the Florida purchase, as set forth in the act of the legislature. The members of council interpret the act as meaning that a suitable exposition shall be provided and that it shall be so located as to give the greatest advantage to the greatest number, as well as to properly represent the products of the state and its typically Florida climate.

When the resolution proposed by Alderman Dineen was read a unanimous vote for its adoption was registered. Chairman George R. Hiltz of the Publicity Committee of the Business Men's Association was present to explain the ambitions of the association and just what steps have been taken so far. Mr. Hiltz said that now that the preliminaries have been taken care of the official approval and endorsement of council was desired.

Alderman Dineen took the position that this is a matter in which council should be in the lead for the interests of the city. If the exposition could be secured, induced by Palatka's superior advantages, and the provisions of its location are such that Palatka can entertain it, the council, as the official head of the municipality, should do everything possible to see that the commission is acquainted with the city's desires in the matter, and that an active effort be made to have the committee favorably consider Palatka as the exposition city.

#### Resolution Adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Dineen, was unanimously adopted: "Whereas, the legislature of the State of Florida passed a measure at the last session providing for the proper commemoration of the purchase of that area of territory now known as the State of Florida, by the holding of an exposition to properly display the resources of and the progress made by the State of Florida, and

Whereas, a commission was duly named by the Governor of the State of Florida to select a suitable site, centrally located, of easy access from all sections of this, as well as other states, and

"Whereas, Palatka and its location meets all of the needs for such an exposition site, in location, railway and water transportation, available housing facilities, land site and climate, therefore

"Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Palatka that the commission having authority to designate an exposition site be invited to consider Palatka as an applicant for such designation and to this end visit Palatka with a view to ascertaining the advantages held out by this city and county.

"Be it further resolved, that the council of the City of Palatka does hereby pledge its support and approval of the plans tentatively arranged by the Business Men's Association for doing everything within reason for securing the location of the exposition site in Palatka."

#### Committee Is Appointed

A committee was appointed from council to confer with Hon. W. A.

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO HANDLE SALE OF RED X STAMPS

PALATKA FAR BEHIND, BUT AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN EXPECTED TO DISPOSE OF COUNTY'S QUOTA—SALE WILL BEGIN ACTIVELY TOMORROW.

With most cities in Florida already over the top in the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps Palatka and Putnam county have disposed of less than ten per cent of the stamps allotted to this territory, and the Woman's Club has undertaken to see that a better showing is made.

Mayor Merriam, who as chairman of the Putnam County Chapter, has made a canvass of the wholesale district and disposed of all the stamps that have been sold so far. He is too busy to undertake the retail sales and requested the Woman's Club to undertake it. Mrs. S. C. Stallings, president of the club, has agreed and is now lining up the committees for the work.

Every retail place of business in Palatka will be solicited to take some of these stamps, which will be sold at a penny each, so that their customers can be easily accommodated. It is expected that in this way the full allotment of \$1,250 worth can be disposed of.

Tomorrow Mrs. Stallings hopes to have several tables on the street with young women provided with stamps in charge.

#### BONES HELD AS EVIDENCE

Three Skeletons to Figure in Trial of Rufus King

(By United Press.)

LAWRENCE, Kas., Dec. 10.—The fate of Rufus King, held for trial in the triple murder skeleton mystery, may be decided on the basis of data regarding the supposed skeleton of John Woody, alleged "murder farm" victim, which has been prepared by Hubert Shepard of the University of Kansas department of anatomy.

King's trial is scheduled for the March term of court at Lyndon, Kas. At the continuance, Shepard appeared, ready to present what may be deciding evidence, regarding age, sex, height and nationality of the supposed John Woody. The skeleton was sent to the Kansas University school of medicine, after being unearthed last August at Maple Hill, Kas., on property formerly occupied by King.

Two other skeletons unearthed on property said to have been used by King may be sent to the university for identification. They are supposed to be the bones of Reuben Gutschall and William F. Ringer.

#### MOTORLESS EDEN.

Bermuda Will Not Allow Gas Driven Cars to Operate.

(By United Press.)

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 10.—The use of automobiles in Bermuda is still under the ban. After a long fight in the House of Assembly the bill, which would have permitted the use of automobiles on the islands, was beaten today by a vote of 17 to 15.

The measure cannot be brought up again this year.

MacWilliams of St. Augustine, and secure his support for Palatka's claim for the exposition. This committee will also be known as the special exposition committee and will act on other matters pertaining to the campaign for properly presenting Palatka's claims.

### GERMANS TO SIGN AS LAST NOTE IS LESS DRASTIC

SEIZURE OF DOCKS WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL SERIOUSLY CRIPPLE GERMAN INDUSTRY—CASE LOOKS MORE HOPEFUL.

(By United Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Allied notes demanding that Germany immediately accept the Protocol to the Peace Treaty was received today. The tone of the note according to German officials is considered conciliatory. It was learned the Entente agrees to postpone delivery of the German docks and shipping in reparation for the Scapaflow sinking until it can be determined whether the surrender would hopelessly cripple Germany's industries.

"Germany will sign, said a well posted diplomat when he heard the revisions of the Allied note.

#### ANDERSON OCALA'S MAYOR.

OCALA, Dec. 10.—In the city election held here yesterday for the selection of mayor, Robert L. Anderson, Jr., defeated John D. Robertson by a majority of 108 votes.

### TAMPA MAN AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE KILLED

LAKE LAND, Dec. 10.—At Lake Alfred at noon today W. C. Hammond, contractor of Tampa, was instantly killed and his fifteen-year-old daughter, Louise, received injuries from which she died a few hours later at a local hospital, as a result of the Hammond car being struck by an A. C. La. freight train at the crossing, just west of Lake Alfred. Hammond and his daughter were returning from Daytona to Tampa, and were going at a high rate of speed, and evidently failed to see the train, although bystanders said the train whistle had blown several times for the crossing and then the bell was ringing at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Hammond came here from Tampa, and will take the bodies to that city for interment tomorrow. Miss Hammond was still conscious when picked up and gave names of herself and father.

### METHODIST CONFERENCE MEETING IN LAKE LAND

LAKE LAND, Dec. 10.—The seventy-sixth session of the Florida conference convened here this morning with the largest attendance of ministers and laymen known in years.

Bishop Candler, who is to preside, is on the ground and looks to be in perfect health. He is receiving a warm welcome from his Florida brethren who feel that he comes very nearly being a real Floridian. No bishop who has ever presided over the Florida conference is more greatly beloved as a man, nor more highly esteemed as a minister than Bishop Candler. Among the distinguished visitors from out of the state may be mentioned: Dr. John R. Jenkins, president of Wesleyan Female college, Macon, Ga. This college, which was the first to be established for the education of females exclusively, ranks among the first of its kind in this country. Dr. Jenkins is doing a great work at Wesleyan and is a great man from every viewpoint.

### MEXICAN MESS IS STILL IN TANGLE; MUST MAKE REPLY

THIS COUNTRY NOT DISPOSED TO ABIDE SILENT CONTEMPT DISPLAYED BY CARRANZA, DESPITE FACT JENKINS IS RELEASED ON BAIL.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Warning may be sent to Carranza that the United States cannot have relations with a country that disregards diplomatic representations if Mexico does not reply soon to last American note on imprisonment of Consul Agent Jenkins. A crisis is believed to be near in Mexican internal affairs. Carranza has had a special train at Cuba for a fortnight in readiness for immediate departure from Mexico City.

#### Jenkins Back in Prison.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10.—The State Court met at Puebla to take up today's request of William Jenkins, American Consul Agent, that the five hundred dollar bail be annulled and his readmission to the penitentiary there. Jenkins refused to make small bail as it might prolong the case. He wished to return when he found bail had been furnished.

### PLANNING FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON FUEL CONSUMPTION IN U.S.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Railroad Administration officials today were deep in plans to make further drastic cuts in passenger traffic to conserve coal, while the miners and operators at Indianapolis are endeavoring to reach an agreement. Secretary Tumulty yesterday prematurely announced that the miners had accepted President Wilson's proposal. A telegram from Attorney General Palmer to the President evidently was garbled, this accounting for the mistake.

#### DR. HODGE TO LECTURE

Will Deliver Three Addresses at Woman's Club Thursday.

Dr. C. Hodge, of the University of Florida, has been engaged to deliver Dr. C. Hodge, of the University of Florida, has been engaged to deliver three addresses at the Woman's Club on Thursday, December 11th.

The morning talk will be to the Grammar School, the addresses in the afternoon will be to the High School, and in the evening address will be for the entire community.

Mr. Cassells and his teachers are very much interested in this work and they, with the Woman's Club, cordially invite and urge that you attend the meeting Thursday evening at eight-fifteen, in the Woman's Club.

#### SEMINOLE LIMITED LOST.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 10.—All trains service between Birmingham and Atlanta has been annulled until wash-cuts and damage to roadbeds can be repaired. The Seminole Limited from Jacksonville was lost for twenty-four hours and reached here at noon today.

#### LEGION MEETS TO-NIGHT.

The Bert Hodge Post of the American Legion will hold an important meeting tonight at the Elks Club. All members are urged to be present and to bring a service man or several service men who have not yet joined the post.

### LIBERALS MEET TO PLACE A NEW PARTY IN FIELD

COMMITTEE OF FORTY-EIGHT HAS CALLED A CONVENTION WHICH MEETS IN ST. LOUIS TO-DAY—SOME BUZZ SAWS WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL TACKLE.

(By United Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—"Liberals" of the United States were in a for-day conference here to-day to determine their action in the coming presidential campaign.

Whether a third political party, pledged to policies of liberalism is formed or an alliance with one of the existing organizations effected will be decided.

Amalgamation of the National Labor Party, Non-Partisan League, and Farmers' National Council with the Committee of Forty-eight, forming a body of more than a million voters at the outset, was seen as a possibility.

The conference was called by the "Committee of Forty-eight" with headquarters in New York and said to have representatives in all states. It is in the form of a caucus, leaders declared at the opening. If a third party is choice of the liberal meeting a national convention to adopt a platform and put up presidential and national candidates will be held within the next three months.

#### Some Notables Present.

Men widely known in America's political life, here to-day to attend the caucus included: Gifford Pinchot, Dudley Field Malone; Bishop Williams of Detroit; Professor Tyrell Williams, Scott Nearing and others. Nearly 600 persons representing every state attended the opening session.

Internal and foreign problems of the government will be considered by the caucus.

A definite stand on the negro question will be taken, officials predicted. Howard R. Williams, of New York City, vice-chairman of the Committee of Forty-eight, likened the negro problem in America to England's Irish question and said it was now necessary to take some positive step. Stringent enforcement of laws against lynching and legislation for their protection, probably will be advocated, it was anticipated by Williams.

"Another question to come up, said Williams," will be adult education. Some believe a secretary of education with portfolio is necessary, augmented by schools throughout the country for adults. There would be no attempt at compulsory education for grown-ups, but the advantages would be offered."

#### Some Other Reforms.

Other questions to be considered by the caucus are: Initiative and referendum; recall applied to state and federal officials; an executive budget; a cabinet responsible to the legislative branch of the government proportional representation; free press, speech and assemblage; national suffrage; "continuance of absolute control of foreign relations by the president;" abolition of secret diplomacy; espionage laws; limitation of power of the courts; income and inheritance taxes to raise revenue and equalize distribution of wealth; government ownership of railroads and public utilities; private ownership of railroads and utilities under government control; the Plumb plan; protective tariff; enforcement of the Sherman law; government control and ownership of "recognized monopolies;" immigration; super taxes on profits to meet the high cost of living and profiteering and compulsory training.

### DISASTROUS FLOODS ARE OVER SOUTH

FOUR LIVES AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE ALREADY THE KNOWN TOLL—TORRENTIAL RAINS SEND ALL STREAMS OUT OF BANKS

(By United Press.)

ATLANTA, Dec. 10.—Four known dead and property damage running into the millions is the toll of the floods in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, with stories coming in hourly of added suffering and damage.

Train service is crippled in all three states by washouts and destroyed trestles. Rivers and smaller streams, swollen by torrential rains since Saturday, are fast overflowing their banks.

Train service into Meridian, Miss., was almost totally stopped today, while Southern railway trains between Atlanta and Macon are being routed over the Central of Georgia tracks.

Reports from along the Chattahoochee river show the highest water mark in forty years.

West Point, Ga., is reported several feet under water, and the lower part of the town is submerged to house tops.

There was no direct communication between West Point and Atlanta today. Three river bridges in that section were reported destroyed with property losses running high into the thousands.

The southern portion of Anniston, Ala., is reported under water, the gas plant being flooded and out of commission.

Several women on a bridge over Chattahoochee creek bridge when it collapsed were rescued with difficulty.

A record rainfall of eleven and forty-six one hundredths inches in three days is reported by the weather bureau here.

River men at Rome predict a thirty-one foot rise in the river, which will cause tremendous damage.

Montgomery is without light or power, as the hydro-electric plant near there has been put out of commission by a broken dam.

#### COUNCIL MEETS TO-NIGHT.

Will Take Up Budget For a Final Consideration.

Another session of the council will be held tonight to take up unfinished business carried over from last night's session. There are some additional petitions for tax equalizations that council will pass on and the budget will probably come up for final disposition.

The finance committee has made a great many changes in the tax rolls, and is earnestly endeavoring to get all assessments equalized. A large number of adjustments have already been made.

#### LAFAYETTE VOTES BONDS.

MAYO, Dec. 9.—The four northern districts of Lafayette county today voted on the creation of a special road district and the issuance of four hundred thousand dollars of bonds. Unofficial reports this afternoon show both carried by at least six to one, which will probably be changed to eight to one when the vote is fully canvassed.

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